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# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG

### Who's Who

**IN ANOTHER TIME, IN ANOTHER PLACE...**

### LET THE OLYMPIC GAMES BEGIN!

Sonic the Hedgehog and his pals are the shining beacon of hope for a world ravaged by the evil schemes of the insidious Dr. Eggman!

The mad doctor has made various attempts to spread chaos and fear, including turning living beings to robots, breaking the very planet itself to pieces, flooding cities, and using aliens as intergalactic gasoline to name but a few! What's his problem, anyway?! No matter what the scheme, Sonic, Tails, Amy Rose and all the other heroes of the planet have pulled through and preserved the peace!

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**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
SUPER SPEEDY HERO



**MILES "TAILS" PROWER**  
SONIC'S BEST BUDDY



**DR. EGGMAN**  
EVIL GENIUS



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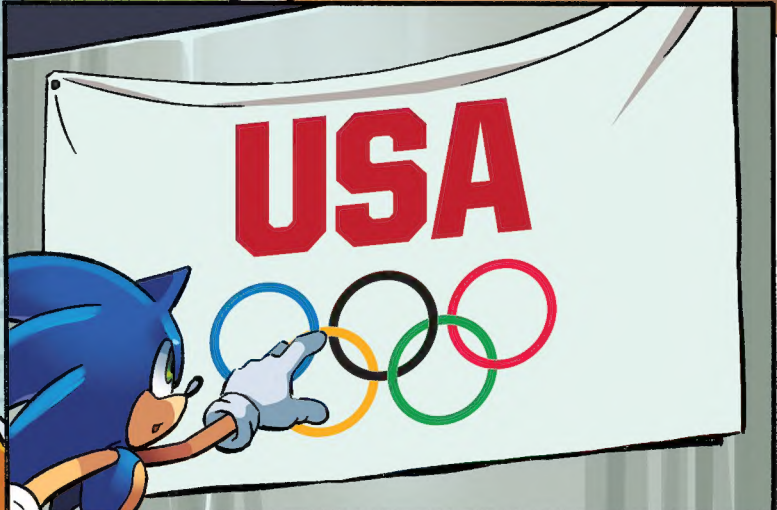
ANOTHER TIME,  
ANOTHER PLACE...

WHERE  
IS SONIC?  
IF HE'S ANY  
LATER, HE'S  
GOING TO  
MISS...

# Olympic TRIALS

THERE  
YOU ARE!  
I KNEW  
YOU  
WOULDN'T  
MISS OUT!

IT'S THE  
OLYMPICS,  
MAN! OF  
COURSE, I  
WOULDN'T  
MISS...



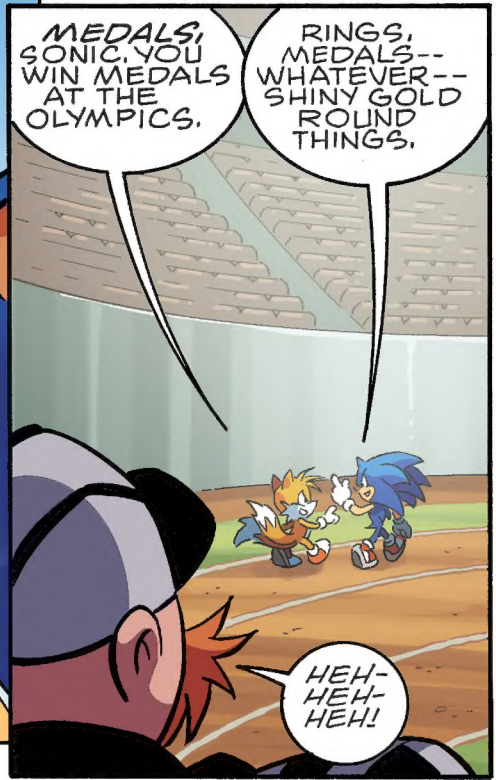
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SONIC?  
ARE YOU  
OKAY? YOU  
ZONED OUT  
THERE.

HUH? OH!  
YEAH! DAY-  
DREAMING OF  
ALL THOSE  
GOLD RINGS  
I'M GONNA  
WIN.



MEDALS,  
SONIC. YOU  
WIN MEDALS  
AT THE  
OLYMPICS.

RINGS,  
MEDALS--  
WHATEVER--  
SHINY GOLD  
ROUND  
THINGS.

HEH-  
HEH-  
HEH!



KEEP  
SAUNTERING  
ALONG,  
HEDGEHOG!  
LITTLE DO  
YOU KNOW  
YOU'RE  
WALKING  
RIGHT  
INTO MY  
TRAP!

YES, BUT  
WHICH  
TRAP,  
BOSS?



WE'VE SET MANY  
WHILE DISGUISED  
AS SAFETY  
OFFICIALS, EVEN  
IN EVENTS SONIC  
WON'T BE COM-  
PETING IN.



DON'T BLOW  
YOUR COVER!  
AND THE TRAPS  
ARE FOR ALL  
THE FUZZY  
FOOLS OUT  
HERE  
TODAY!



"SPEAKING OF WHICH -- CUBOT! WHAT'S THE STATUS ON THE CHAOTIX?!"



"WELL, BOSS, I RECKON...!"



STROKE!

STROKITY-STROKE!

STROKE-STROKE-STROKE!

CHARMY! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SET THE RHYTHM!

I AM! THIS IS A BEAT YOU CAN DANCE TO!

SOMETHING IS STRANGE ABOUT THIS BOAT...

I'LL GIVE YOU A BEAT!

CLANG!

CLANG!

SNEAK ATTACK!

"...YOU COULD SAY THEY'RE UP A CREEK WITHOUT A PADDLE."



HELP! LET US OUT!





"BWA-HA-HA!  
EXCELLENT! AND  
WHAT OF THE  
EQUIPMENT FOR  
THE HAMMER-  
THROW?"



"FOR INSTANCE  
--THE HOT-  
HEADED  
KNUCKLES...!"



STEP BACK, YOU  
TWO. YOU DON'T  
WANT TO BE IN MY  
WAY WHEN I START  
SWINGIN'!

"I OPTED  
TO INCLUDE  
SOME DEEPER  
MEANINGS  
IN THEIR DEPLOY-  
MENT."

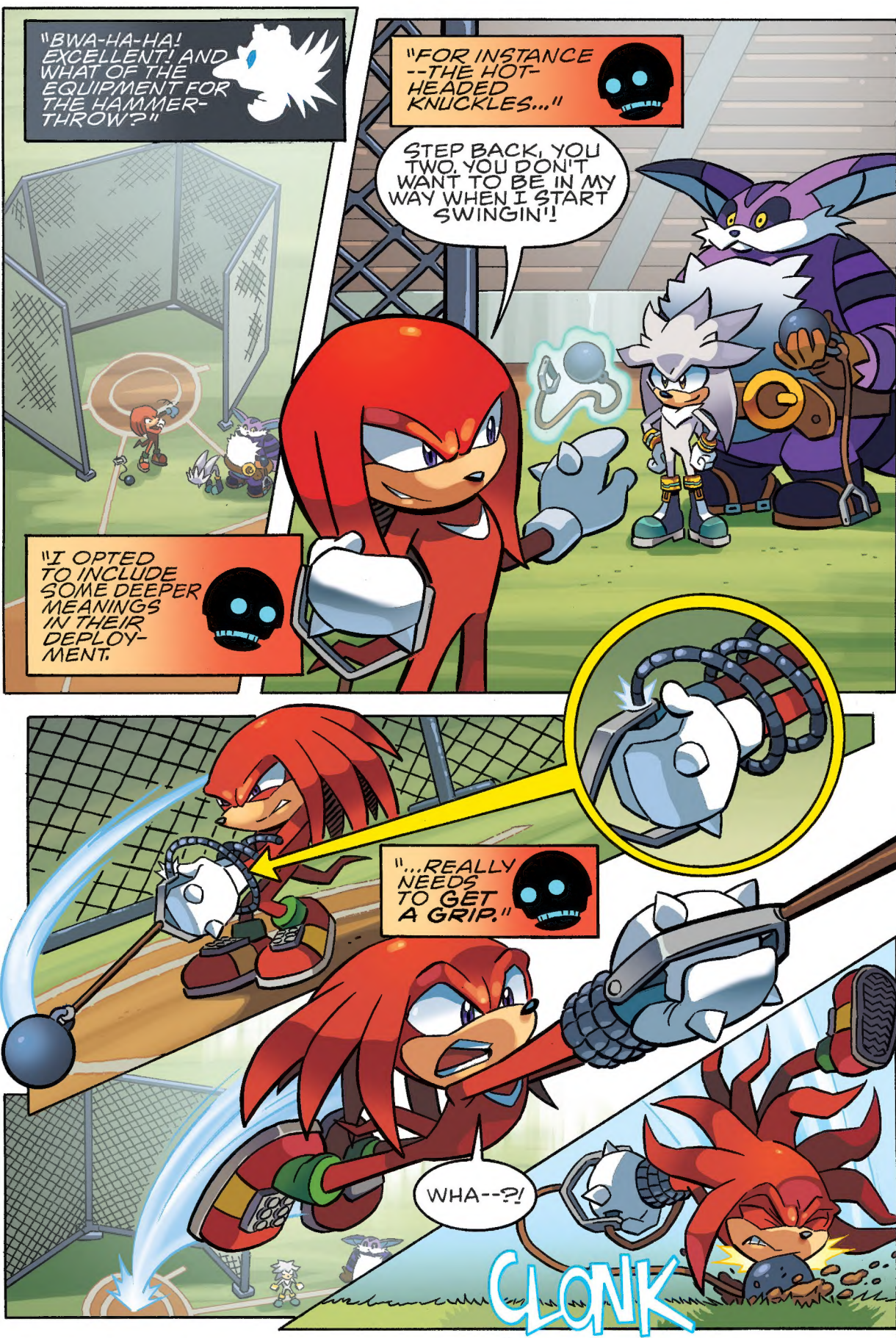


"...REALLY  
NEEDS  
TO GET  
A GRIP."



WHA--?!

CLONK





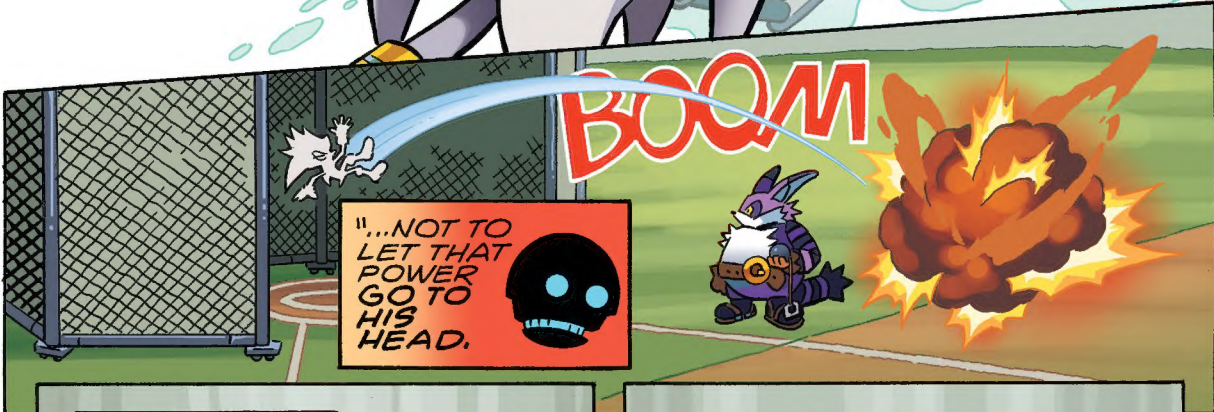
"FOR THE SUPER-PSYCHIC SILVER, HE OUGHT TO LEARN..."



KNUCKLES!



deet!  
deet!  
deet!



BOOM

"...NOT TO LET THAT POWER GO TO HIS HEAD."



"AND AS FOR BIG, WELL..."



"...THE BIGGER THEY ARE, THE HARDER THEY FALL!"



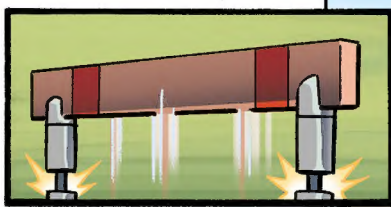
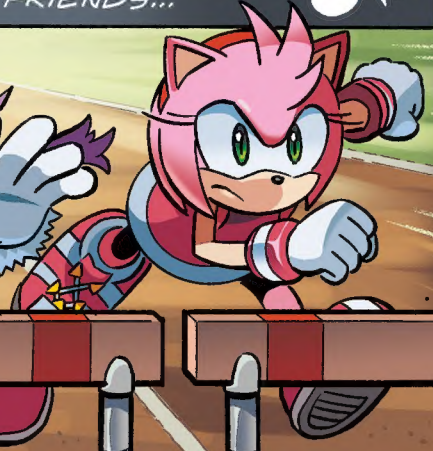
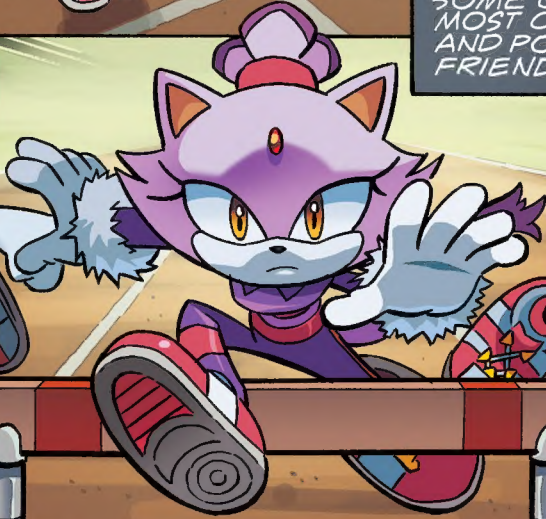
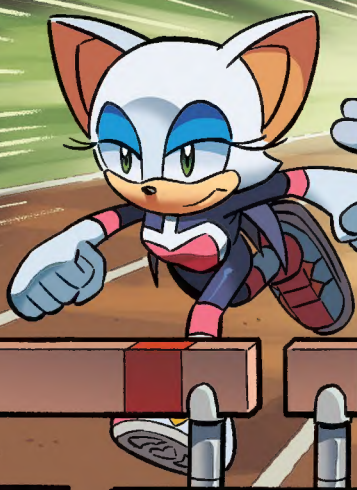
"...I DON'T RECKON I FOLLOW ANY O' THAT..."



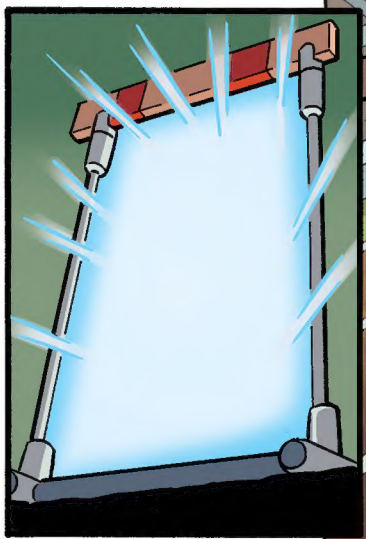
"MMM, MODESTLY IMPRESSIVE EFFORTS-- BUT NOTHING COMPARED TO MY PLAN!"



"TO ENSNARE SOME OF SONIC'S MOST CUNNING AND POWERFUL FRIENDS..."



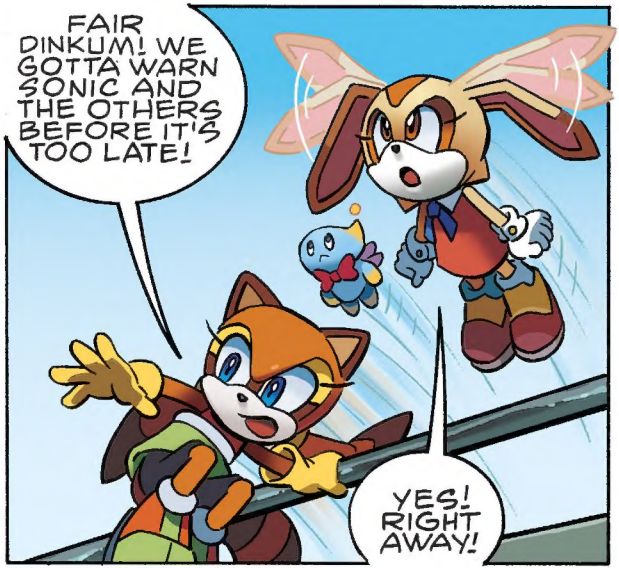
"...I EMPLOYED MY FINEST TELEPORTER-TRAP TECHNOLOGY!"



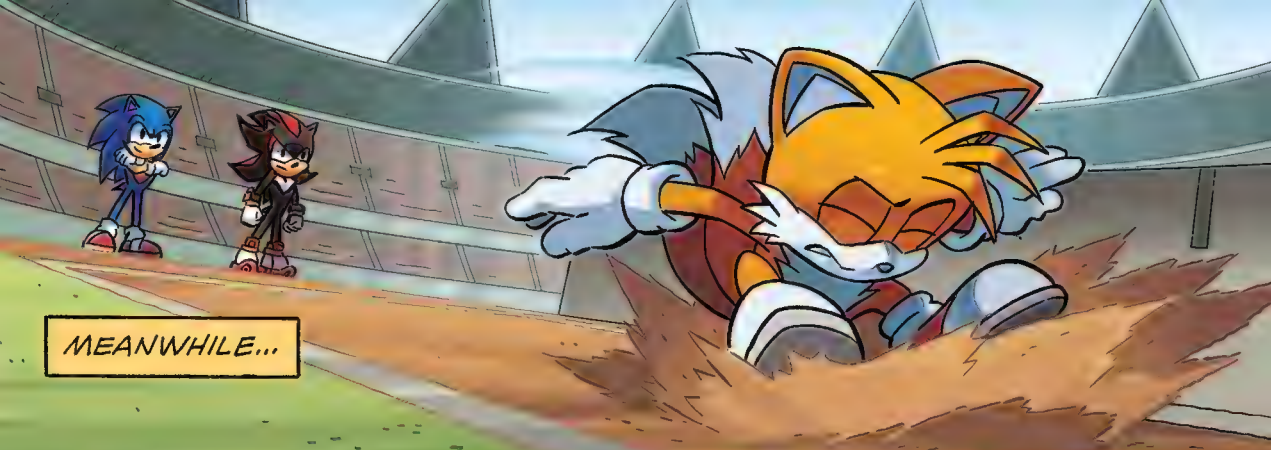
"MOMENTUM-BASED PHYSICS CAN BE A BAD THING AFTER ALL!"











MEANWHILE...

YOU'RE UP FOR THE LONG-JUMP, FAKER. I KNOW.

AND NO USING CHAOS CONTROL TO CHEAT, I WON'T.

I MEAN IT, THAT'D BE LAME.

...HE USED HIS TAILS, YOU KNOW.

HE TOTALLY DIDN'T.

YOU CAN SHUT UP AT ANY TIME.

ULTIMATE CRY-BABY.

A close-up of Sonic and Shadow. Sonic is on the left, looking smug with his hands clasped. Shadow is on the right, looking serious and slightly annoyed. They are engaged in a conversation about Tails' jump.

O!! SONIC! THE WHOLE PLACE IS RIGGED WITH EGG-MAN'S TRAPS!

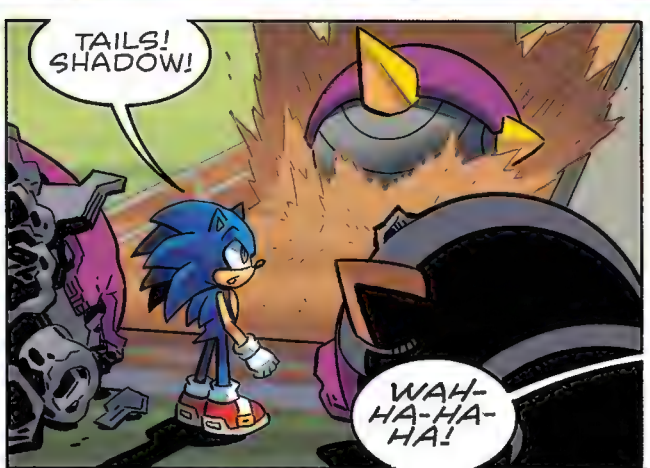
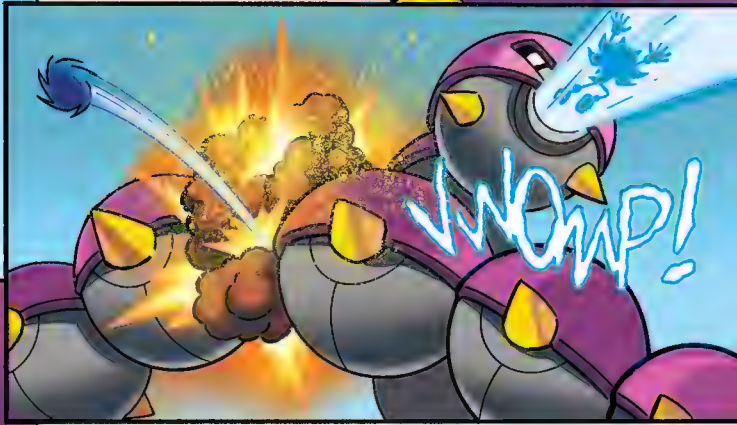
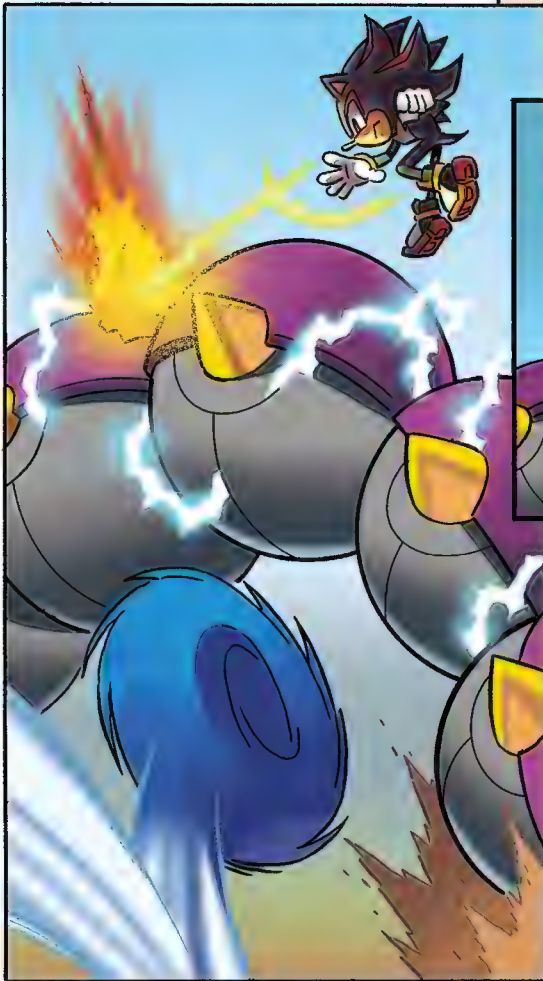
WHAT ---?

A vertical panel showing three characters. At the top, a rabbit-like character (likely Bunnie) is shouting. In the middle, Amy is looking up with a worried expression. At the bottom, Sonic is looking up with a confused expression, his mouth open.


WHOA!

A large panel showing Tails in the center, looking startled. He is surrounded by two large, purple and grey robots with yellow spikes. The robots have a circular opening on their front. Tails is looking at them with a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression.











IT'S OVER, HEDGEHOG!  
BEHOLD! IT WAS I---  
DR. EGGMAN--IN  
DISGUISE ALL  
ALONG!



NO,  
REALLY,  
Y'THINK?



I'VE CAPTURED  
ALL OF YOUR  
FRIENDS, SONIC!  
THE DAY IS  
MINE!

PFFT! LIKE  
I HAVEN'T  
FREED A  
BUNCH OF MY  
FRIENDS FROM  
YOU BEFORE!  
IT'S THE  
OLYMPICS, DOC!

WHERE'S  
YOUR SPIRIT OF  
COMPETITION?



COMPETITION?  
I ALREADY  
WON!

PUH-LEEZE.  
YOU AND ME,  
ONE-ON-ONE,  
WINNER TAKES  
ALL, OF COURSE,  
IF YOU'RE  
AFRAID OF  
LOSING TO  
ME AGAIN...

BAH! I WILL  
WIN, CAPTURE  
YOU, AND CLAIM  
OLYMPIC  
GLORY FOR  
MYSELF!



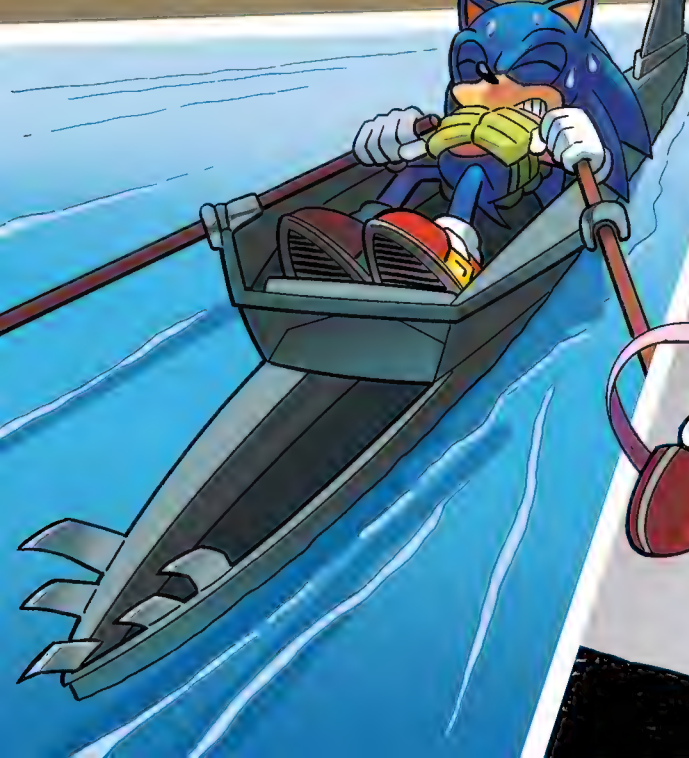
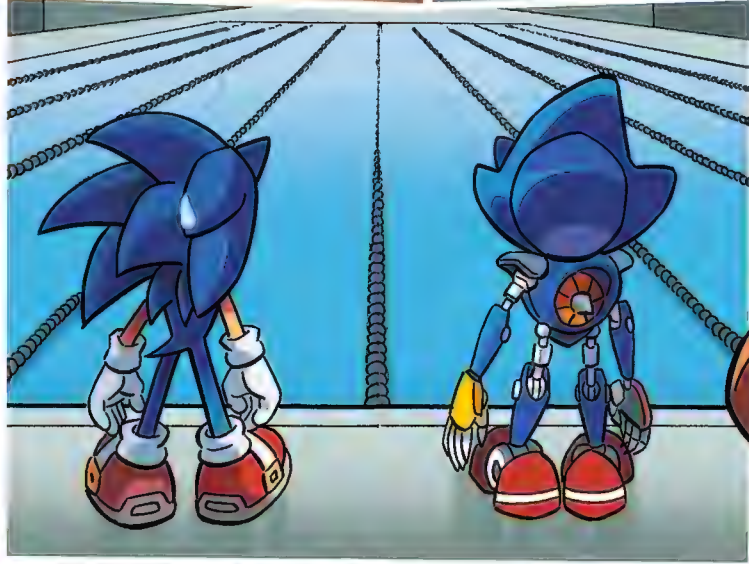
BUT SINCE I  
HAVE A WEAK  
BACK--OR SOME-  
THING--I'M CALL-  
ING IN MY  
REPLACEMENT...

...METAL  
SONIC!

FIGURES.



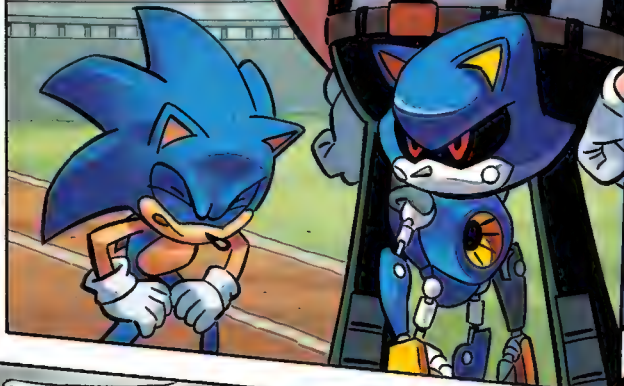






ONLY ONE MORE EVENT, RODENT! THE HUNDRED-METER DASH! WHAT'S THE MATTER? AREN'T YOU EXCITED? HA HA HA!

GOING TOE-TO-LUGNUT WITH METAL SONIC IS HARD ENOUGH, BUT DOING EVERY OLYMPIC EVENT IN ONE DAY IS TOO MUCH! I'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT! IF ONLY I HAD A RING...



...OR FIVE!

IN THE SPIRIT OF HOPE...

...FRIENDSHIP...

...UNITY...

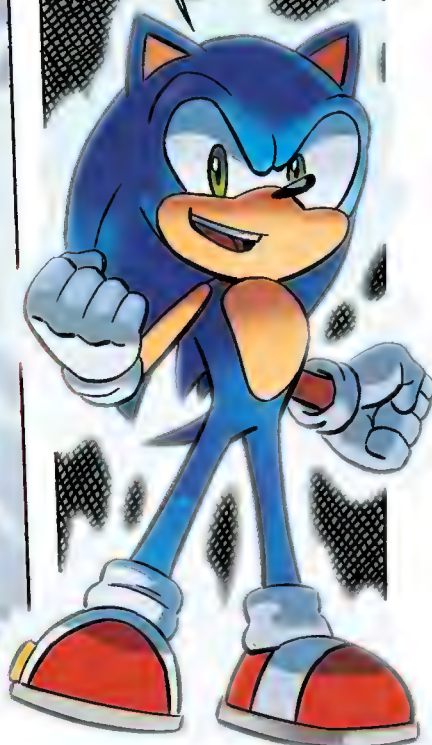


...PEACE...

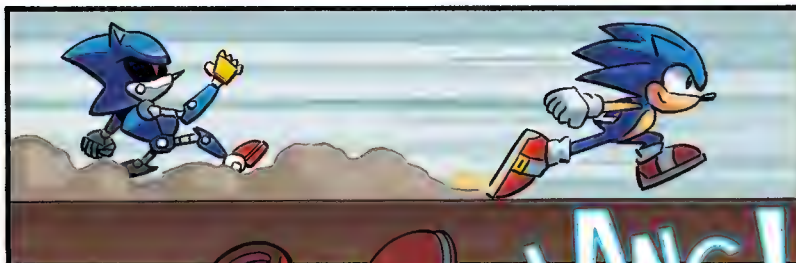
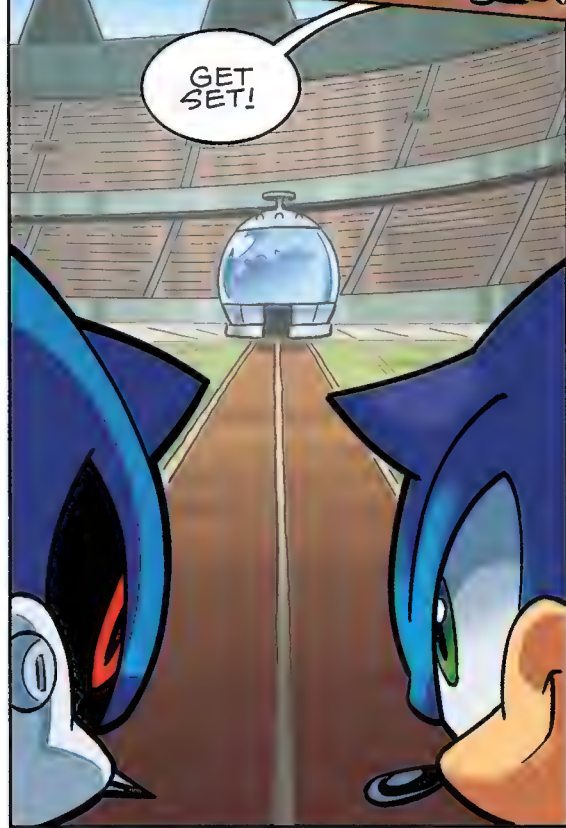
...AND COMPETITION...

...BE EMPOWERED WITH THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT!

GAME ON!











I-IMPOSSIBLE!

ALL EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY, BOSS.

WE BETTER GET THE HECK OUTTA DODGE, PARDNER!



WAY TO GO, SONIC! ALTHOUGH AFTER ALL THAT, ARE YOU GOING TO SIT-OUT THE REAL OLYMPICS??

ARE YOU KIDDING?



THAT WAS TONS OF FUN! NO WAY I'M WAITING FOUR YEARS TO DO IT AGAIN!

AND SO ENDS OUR OLYMPIC ADVENTURE! COME BACK NEXT TIME AS WE REJOIN SONIC, TAILS, AMY, AND KNUCKLES IN ALL-NEW EPIC ADVENTURE!

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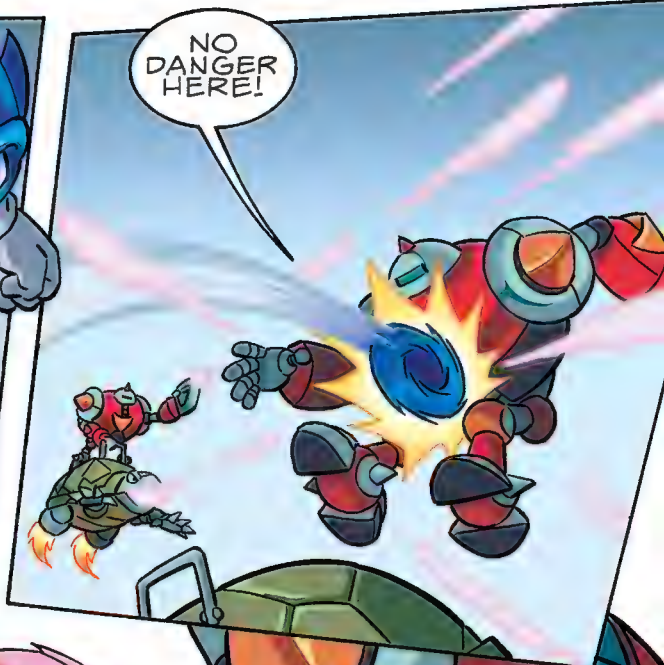
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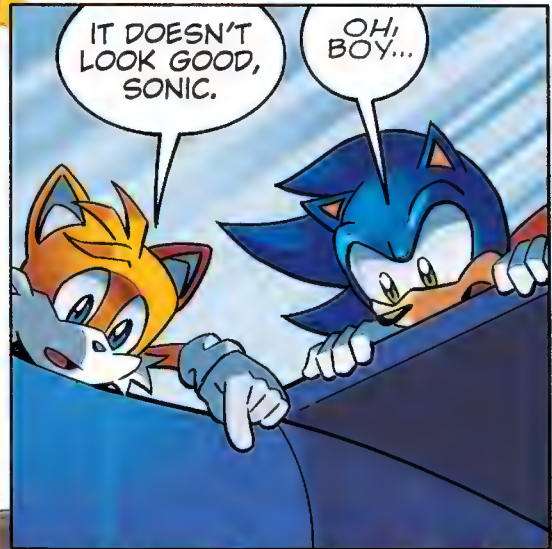
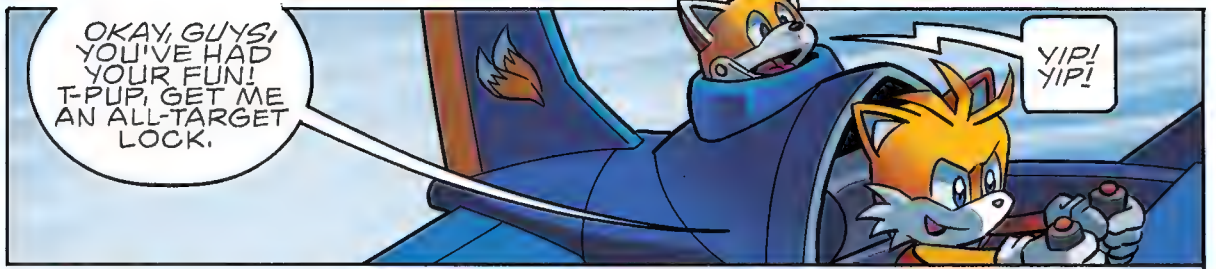


\*THIS TAKES PLACE AFTER SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #241!











MEANWHILE, IN A SECRET  
BASE OF OPERATIONS ON  
ANGEL ISLAND...

THERE,  
YOU'RE  
COMING  
THROUGH FINE.  
I'M ALSO  
PICKING UP  
ALL OF  
THE OTHER  
STATIONS.

HRGGH  
...GOOD.  
TECH  
STUFF IS  
**NOT** MY  
THING.

I  
KNOW.  
IF I  
MAY  
ASK...

WHY GO TO ALL THIS  
TROUBLE? I DIDN'T  
THINK YOU AGREED  
WITH YOUR  
ANCESTORS'  
WAYS, AND  
WHEN  
YOU--

-- LOST  
CONTROL  
AND TRIED  
TO WIPE  
YOU OUT?  
I KNOW, AND  
I'M **VERY**  
SORRY  
FOR  
THAT.

NORMALLY, I'D LIKE  
TO KEEP THINGS  
SIMPLE. BUT WITH HALF  
THE CHAOTIX GONE  
LOOKING FOR MIGHTY  
AND RAY, \*\* I NEED ALL  
THE HELP I CAN GET  
MONITORING THE  
ISLAND.

**\*\*SEE SONIC UNIVERSE  
# 46-49 FOR THE  
COMPLETE "CHAOTIX  
QUEST" STORY!**

I UNDERSTAND,  
AND YOU CHOOSING  
ME TO TEST OUT YOUR  
SYSTEMS IS... WELL, I  
APPRECIATE THE TRUST.  
I EVEN-- HOLD ON, I'M  
DETECTING ANOTHER  
SIGNAL TRYING TO  
REACH YOU.

ANOTHER  
SIGNAL? WHO'D  
BE TRYING TO  
REACH ME  
HERE?

XSTH #180-184.



--DON'T KNOW  
IF ANYONE WILL  
KSSHK WE ARE  
UNDER WRR-  
RRT! REPEAT,  
UNDER ATTACK.  
ZZZT! DEATH  
EGG KSSSHK!  
DARK EGG  
KSSHK!  
SEND HELP.

THIS MESSAGE KSHIT! TO  
LOOP. THIS IS REM- ZZZT!  
FROM KSHIT! I DON'T  
KNOW IF ANY... KSSSHK!<

MY PEOPLE...  
THE LAST OF  
MY KIND --  
THE ONES I  
FAILED...  
BETRAYED...

BUT I'M THE GUARDIAN.  
THEY NEED MY HELP, AND IT'S  
MY DUTY TO SAVE THEM.  
EVEN IF IT WILL BE HARD  
TO LOOK THEM IN THE  
EYE. I BETTER RALLY THE  
GIRLS AND GET MOVING--



HEROES AND VILLAINS  
CLASH AND UNITE  
NEXT TIME IN THE EPIC  
ADVENTURE  
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SPECIES!"

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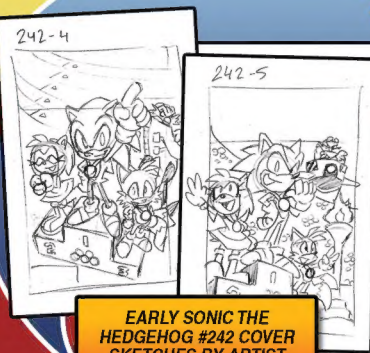
Welcome, one and all, to the way-coolest comic around! In case you haven't heard, Sonic the Hedgehog and Sonic Universe are the place to be month-after-month for the speediest, excite-iest, most action-packed adventures this side of the planet Mobius! We've got so many awesome releases to tell you about, I just don't know where to begin!

Well, I COULD begin with the all-new Best of Sonic the Hedgehog vol 1

Hardcover, on sale now at a fine retailer near you or @ archiecomics.com... OR I could begin with the ever-expanding Sonic Super Special Magazine, the newest issue out next month features 24 pull-out posters for you to rock on your bedroom wall! I suppose I could also start with recommending our Sonic Universe title, which features a special SONIC & ALL STARS RACING TRANSFORMED story on sale right this very moment! Hmm...decisions, decisions...

If you can't wait to begin the next Sonic adventure, head on over to ARCHIECOMICS.COM where you can order books, subscriptions, digital comics and more! plugplugplug

SEE YA NEXT MONTH! - Paul



EARLY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #242 COVER SKETCHES BY ARTIST TRACY YARDLEY!



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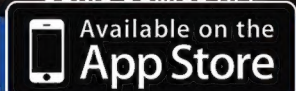
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**Dear Sonic-Grams,**  
This is the comic book series that went from awesome to awesomer. I have a super fast question for you, so do you think you're fast enough to answer?

***I'm a quick draw. You can say that I'm supersonic speedy!***

How many Metal Sonics has Eggman made?

***Well, there are many alternate versions of Metal Sonic, and they are all a part of a series. As for the most recent Metal Sonic, his model has been built about six times now! You can check out the entire list in the Sonic Comic Encyclopedia, available wherever fine books are sold! Plugplugplug***

I plan on making a comic book series too some day so get ready!

***Can't wait to see what you've got in store!***

P.S: Since decimals are fair game I wanted to say I'm Sonic's #1.1 fan and if that's taken then #1.2 is cool too, and ever since you guys posted issue 200 your covers have gotten Awesomer. Keep getting Awesomer!

Your fan,  
Patrick G. from Washington

***Thanks for writing in, Patrick! We will continue down our path of awesome!***

**Dear Sonic-Grams,**  
Just wanted to ask some questions which I hope you guys will answer for me.

***You've got Sonic-questions, we've got Sonic-answers!***

First off, have you guys ever made a book on how to draw Sonic characters? I used to draw him all the time but got preoccupied for a while and lost my Sonic drawing talent.

***A "How to draw Sonic" book, huh? That's a great idea! Maybe one day!***

I really wanna apply for a job when I'm old enough (and if I get that good at drawing).

***Keep practicing your skills and take drawing classes! That's how Sonic comic artists like Tracy Yardley and Patrick Spaziante got so good!***

Anyway I also wanted to ask if you guys sell old comics. I know you can buy old digital comics on your website but I haven't found the ones I'm looking for.

***Check out the Sonic Archives! Those graphic novels collect all of the classic Sonic comic stories ever***

***produced, as well as the Sonic Select series, which is great to catch up on the classic specials. Both series are available now in fine book stores and online!***

I really like Tracy Yardley and Steven Butler's artwork. I have also been enjoying the saga of Ixis Naugus and the Secret Freedom Fighters. I thought it was cool that Tails, Silver, and Scourge got their own Sonic Universe arcs. Have you thought of making one for Blaze or Vector?

***You can catch Vector and the rest of the Chaotix in the upcoming Sonic Universe four-part story arc "Chaotix Quest" starting this November!***

Anyway I really wanted to email you guys and hopefully you'll reply if you have time.

Joey E.  
from Utah

***Thanks for writing in, Joey! You're a super fan!***

***That's all the room we have! Come back in 30 for more awesome Sonic stories!***

***See y'all next month!***

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**TERROR IN THE SKIES!**  
TEAM FIGHTERS FOLLOW THE DEATH EGG TO A CITY OF RUINS WHERE AN ALL NEW ENEMY IS UNLEASHED!  
**"ENDANGERED SPECIES PART 1 (of 4)"**  
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 12/11/12

## NEXT SONIC UNIVERSE: 46



**A BRAND NEW STORY ARC BEGINS!**  
**CHAOTIX QUEST PART 1 (of 4)**  
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/27/12

